

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Previously cancelled).

Claim 19 (Allowed): A composition consisting essentially of nimesulide and 17% to 59% by weight of a glyceryl monoolein-solvent-phase, wherein the nimesulide is in the glyceryl monoolein-solvent-phase.

Claim 20 (Allowed): The composition of claim 19, wherein glyceryl monoolein-solvent phase has a liquid crystal structure.

Claim 21 (Allowed): The composition of claim 19, wherein the nimesulide comprises 0.1% to 5% by weight of the composition.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 19, further ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a non-aqueous solvent.

Claim 23 (Original): The composition of claim 22, wherein the non-aqueous solvent is selected from the group consisting of diethylene glycol monoethyl ether (DGME) and ethanol.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 22, further ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a gelling agent.

Claim 25 (Original): The composition of claim 24, wherein the gelling agent is hydroxypropylcellulose.

Claims 26 –29 (Cancelled)

Claim 30 (Allowed): A method, wherein a composition consisting essentially of nimesulide and 17% to 59% by weight of a glyceryl monoolein-solvent-phase, wherein the nimesulide is in the glyceryl monoolein-solvent phase, is administered to an animal in need of treatment for an indication selected from the group consisting of pain, inflammation and stiffness in amount effective to treat the animal.

Claim 31 (Allowed): The method of claim 30, wherein glyceryl monoolein-solvent phase has a liquid crystal structure.

Claim 32 (Allowed): The method of claim 30, wherein the nimesulide comprises 0.1% to 5% by weight of the composition.

Claim 33 (Currently amended): The method of claim 30, further ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a non-aqueous solvent.

Claim 34 (Original): The method of claim 33, wherein the non-aqueous solvent is selected from the group consisting of diethylene glycol monoethyl ether (DGME) and ethanol.

Claim 35 (Currently amended): The method of ~~claim 30~~ claim 33, further ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a gelling agent.

Claim 36 (Original): The method of claim 35, wherein the gelling agent is hydroxypropylcellulose.

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Claim 37 (Allowed): The method of claim 30, wherein the composition is administered in a form selected from the group consisting of a gel, a solution, an ointment and a spray.

Claim 38 (Allowed): The method of claim 37, wherein the composition is administered in the form of a gel.

Claim 39 (New): The composition of claim 19, further consisting essentially of a gelling agent.

Claim 40 (New): The composition of claim 39, wherein the gelling agent is hydroxypropylcellulose.

Claim 41 (New): The method of claim 30, further consisting essentially of a gelling agent.

Claim 42 (New): The method of claim 41, wherein the gelling agent is hydroxypropylcellulose.